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Revised August 9, 2006
RECLAMATION CONTRACT

Mine Name: Sevier Mining Claim 1-8

Other Agency File Number: UMC 363434

STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION of OIL, GAS and MINING

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

SMALL MINE RECLAMATION CONTRACT

This Reclamation Contract (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is entered into between *Knotts & Co.* the "Operator" and the Utah State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division").

WHEREAS, Operator desires to conduct mining operations under Notice of Intention (NOI) File No. <u>\$\\$S\$/041/038</u> which the Operator has filed with the Division and has been determined by the Division to be complete (Complete NOI) as required by the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, Sections 40-8-1 et seq., Utah Code Annotated, (2005, as amended) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Operator is obligated to reclaim the lands affected by the mining operations in accordance with the Act and the regulations, and is obligated to provide a surety in a form and amount approved by the Division or the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (Board) to assure reclamation of the lands affected by the mining operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Division and the Operator agree as follows:

- Operator agrees to promptly reclaim in accordance with the requirements of the Act and applicable regulations, as they may be amended, all of the lands affected by the mining operations conducted or to be conducted pursuant to a Complete Notice of Intention.
- 2. The Lands Affected by the mining operations and subject to the requirements of the Act and this Contract include:
 - A. All surface and subsurface areas affected or to be affected by the mining operations including but not limited to private on-

site ways, roads, railroads; land excavations; drill sites and workings; refuse banks or spoil piles; evaporation or settling ponds; stockpiles; leaching dumps; placer areas; tailings ponds or dumps; work, parking, storage, and waste discharge areas, structures, and facilities; and

- B. All mining disturbances regardless of discrepancies in the map and legal description, unless explicitly and clearly identified as EXCLUDED on maps, and legal descriptions included in the Complete NOI; provided lands may be excluded only if: (1) they were disturbed by mining operations that ceased prior to July 1, 1977; (2) the lands would be included but have been reclaimed in accordance with a complete notice or reclamation plan; or (3) the lands were disturbed by a prior operation for which there is no surety, no legally responsible entity or person, and which lands are not necessarily or incidentally intended to be affected by the mining operations as described in the Complete NOI.
- 3. The Operator shall be responsible for reclamation of all such Lands Affected regardless of errors or discrepancies in the maps or legal descriptions provided with the NOI which are intended to assist in determining the location of the mining operations, to describe the areas of disturbance, and to assist estimating the amount of surety required.
- 4. The Operator prior to commencement of any mining operations and as a precondition to the rights under the Notice of Intention shall provide a surety in a form permitted by the Act and in an amount sufficient to assure that reclamation of the Lands Affected will be completed as required by the Act. The Surety shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms unless modified by the Division in writing. A copy of the agreement providing for the Surety for the reclamation obligations herein is included as ATTACHMENT A to this Contract.
- 5. If the Surety expressly provides for cancellation or termination for non-renewal:
 - A. The Operator shall within 60 days following the Division's receipt of notice that the Surety will be terminated or cancelled, provide a replacement Surety sufficient in a form and amount, as required by the Act, to replace the cancelled surety; or
 - B. If the Operator fails to provide an acceptable replacement Surety within 60 days of notice of cancellation or termination, the Division may order the Operator to cease further mining activities, and without further notice proceed to draw upon letters of credit, to withdraw any amounts in certificates of

deposit or cash and/or any other forms of surety, and to otherwise take such action as may be necessary to secure the rights of the Division to perfect its claim on the existing surety for the purpose of fully satisfying all of the reclamation obligations incurred by the Operator prior to the date of termination, and the Division may thereafter require the Operator to begin immediate reclamation of the Lands Affected by the mining operations, and may, if necessary, proceed to take such further actions as may be required for the Division to forfeit the surety for the purpose of reclaiming the Lands Affected.

- 6. The Operator's liability under this Contract shall continue in full force and effect until the Division finds that the Operator has reclaimed the Lands Affected by mining operations in accordance with the Act and regulations, as amended. If the mining operations are modified or for any other reason vary from those described in the Complete Notice of Intention, the Operator shall immediately advise the Division, and the Notice of Intention shall be revised and the Surety amount shall be adjusted as necessary.
- 7. If reclamation of a substantial phase or segment of the Lands Affected by the mining operations is completed to the satisfaction of the Division, and the Division finds that such substantial phases or segments are severable from the remainder of the mining area, Operator may request the Division to find that Operator has reclaimed such area. If the Division makes such finding, Operator may make request to the Division for a reduction in the aggregate face amount of the Surety, and the Division may reduce the surety to an amount necessary to complete reclamation of the remaining mining operations as anticipated by the Complete Notice of Intention in accordance with the requirements of the Act and regulations, as amended.
- 8. Operator may, at any time, submit a request to the Division to substitute surety. The Division may approve such substitution if the substitute surety meets the requirements of the Act and the applicable rules.
- 9. Operator agrees to pay all legally determined public liability and property damage claims resulting from mining operations, to pay all permit fees, to maintain suitable records, to file all required reports, to permit reasonable inspections, and to fulfill all sundry reporting requirements applicable to the mine as required by the Act and implementing rules.
- 10. Operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State, Board, and the Division from any claim, demand, liability, cost, charge, suit, or obligation of whatsoever nature arising from the failure of Operator or Operator's agents and employees, or contractors to comply with this Contract.

The signatory below represents that the Operator, if not a natural person, is a properly organized entity in good standing under the laws of Utah and the United States, is registered as an entity authorized to do business in the State of Utah, and that he/she is authorized to execute this Contract on behalf of the entity as Operator.

OPERATOR: Knotts & Company Inc / Brook Knotts **Operator Name** By Brook Knotts Authorized Officer (Typed or Printed) President Authorized Officer - Position 03/17/2008 Officer's Signature Date STATE OF) ss: **COUNTY OF** personally appeared before me, who being by me duly sworn did say that he/she is an owner. (owner, officer, director, partner, agent or other (specify)) of the Operator Knowlet Co. Sac. acknowledged that said instrument was signed on behalf of said Operator by authority of its bylaws, a resolution of its board of directors or as may otherwise be required to execute the same with full authority and to be bound hereby. Notary Public Residing at

OMM. EXP. 05-10-2010

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING: John R. Baza, Director STATE OF _ COUNTY OF On the 28 day of Apr , 20*0*8, personally appeared before me, who being duly sworn did say that he, the said John R. Baza is the Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the foregoing document by authority of law on behalf of the State of Utah. **Notary Public** Residing at: PENNY BERRY NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF UTAH 1594 W. NORTH TEMPLE, STE 1210 SALI LAKE CITY, UT 84116 My Comm. Exp. 01/11/2011

FACT SHEET

Commodity: _Placer Gold
Mine Name:Gary's little Sevier
Permit Number: _Claim# UMC363434 / S/04 1 / 638
County:Sevier
Disturbed Acres:1/2 acre or less
Operator Name:Knotts & Company Inc
Operator address: _PO Box 1335 Salem, UT 84653
Operator telephone: _801 423 8080
Operator fax:801 423 8028
Operator email:bkn6769826@aol.com
Contact:Brook Knotts
Surety Type:Well Fargo Bank CD account # 9789048015_Joint account Knotts & Company FBO Utah DOGM-Sevier Mining
Held by (Bank/BLM): Wells Fargo Bank
Surety Amount:\$10,000
Surety Account Number: _9789048015
Escalation Year: _Mature date 02/12/2009 / interest will be added to principal
Tax ID or Social Security (for cash only):87-0618921
Surface owner: USFS
Mineral owner: BLM
UTU and/or ML number:



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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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ATTACHMENT A

March 27, 2008

TO: State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

AND

US Dept of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management UTAH STATE OFFICE 440 West 200 South, Suite 500 Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155

Attention: Mr. Jed Pearson, Minerals Surety Coordinator, 801-538-5382

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 99 N. Main Spanish Fork, UT 84660 Contact name: Erik Tadje Title: Business Relationship Manager Phone: 801.794.3734 E-mail: erik.j.tadje@wellsfargo.com

Subject: Reclamation Surety, Certificate of Deposit for Knotts & Co

Sevier Mining Claim #1-8, S/041/0038, Sevier County, Utah, UMC 363434.

Certificate of Deposit no.

This letter describes the mutually agreed upon instructions of the below signed parties to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., regarding the control, redemption, and release of Bank's above-described certificate of deposit ("CD"), which is being used as a surety to guarantee the availability of reclamation funds for the < Sevier Mining Claim #1-8, S/041/0038, UMC 363434> ("Mine Site"), Sevier County, Utah. It is the intention of the parties that the CD be utilized as surety to guarantee that \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ in reclamation}\$ funds will be available to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Division") and the US Dept of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management upon demand in the event that the operator(s) of the Mine Site are unable or unwilling to complete reclamation of the mine site in compliance with applicable state law and regulations.

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

March 27, 2008

State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Attn: Mr. Jed Pearson - (801)538-5382 or jedpearson@utah.gov

This letter acknowledges a certificate of deposit as Reclamation Surety by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. from the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (OGM) and US Dept of Interior – Bureau of Land Management. The bank agrees to the terms and instructions of the CD Letter Agreement. An administrative hold has been placed on the account in the amount identified below until such time redemption or release authorization is provided by the Division in accordance with the instructions per the CD Letter Agreement.

Mine Site: Sevier Mining Claim #1-8, S/041/0038, UMC 363434

Account Name: Knotts & Co Account Number: Principal Amount:

Original Acknowledgement: February 12, 2008

Erik Tadje

Business Banking Manager

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Ownership and Renewal:

Ownership of the CD is retained by Knotts & Co a Corporation but it is held by Bank for the benefit of the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining and the US Dept of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management (agency) and is subject to the terms and conditions described in this agreement. Bank hereby acknowledges the pledge of the aforesaid CD to the Division and the US Dept of Interior – Bureau of Land and agrees to record the information in the bank's written and electronic records of book entry. Further, the bank acknowledges and agrees that it shall hold the moneys represented by the CD's as a custodian and agent for the Division and shall be liable to the Division for any and all losses to the principal amount of the aforesaid CD caused in any manner whatsoever during the terms of this agreement. The CD shall automatically renew indefinitely until either redeemed or released by the Director of the Division. The Division may request CD information on an occasional basis. This letter grants approval by Knotts & Co for the bank to provide CD information to the Division any time an inquiry is made via telephone, email, or letter.

Redemption:

The CD may only be redeemed (i.e., called on demand), pursuant to the written instruction or demand of Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining. Upon the instruction and demand of the Director, the full initial amount of the CD shall be transferred to the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Owners agree and irrevocably instruct Bank that neither the Owner(s), nor any other person claiming an ownership interest in the CD which is derived from the Owners, shall have the authority to prevent the Bank from carrying out the Director's instruction to redeem the CD. Upon redemption, any accrued interest in excess of the initial amount of the CD shall be transferred to Owners' control, or if Owners do not instruct the Bank, the accrued interest shall be reinvested in the CD. If a signature card is prepared, it shall be drafted consistent with the requirement that only the Director of the Division may redeem the CD.

Release:

The Bank shall release the CD only upon the written instruction of the Director of the Division to the Bank. Upon release, the terms and conditions of this agreement are no longer in effect, and the unconditioned control of the CD shall be returned to the Owners, or their legal successors-in-interest. In the event of Bank cancellation/termination of the Certificate of Deposit, the Division may request a transfer or release of the certificate of deposit monies into a state managed cash account to assure or complete reclamation if the Operator does not replace the Certificate of Deposit within the ninety days of Bank cancellation/termination notice. If the Bank is under a forced cancellation/termination, the Bank agrees to transfer or release the CD funds to a state managed cash account at the Division's request.

Accrued Interest:

Prior to release or redemption, all interest which accrues by the CD shall be 1) dispersed quarterly to the Owner(s) as the Owner(s) may instruct the Bank, or 2) shall be reinvested in the CD until such time the Owner(s) may instruct the Bank where to transfer such interest. In no event shall the Bank transfer any amount from the CD which would cause the redemption amount of the CD to be less than the initial amount, \$10,000.00. All tax liabilities for accrued interest shall remain the sole responsibility of the Owners.

Bank will not be held liable for any dispute between the parties.

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John R. Baza, Director

Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Brooks H Knotts, President

Knotts Co 87,061)8921

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